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WILDFIRE UPDATE

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FRIDAY UPDATE

HAMILTON, MT; AUGUST 3, 2007 --- There are no new starts on the Bitterroot Forest. Weather forecast for the weekend is possible lighting, and continued hot and dry.

Rombo fire had a slight increase from 430 acres to 555. The Svalberg's Type II Incident Management Team will take over management of the Rombo fire tomorrow morning at 6:00 to help free-up Forest resources. Seventy personnel along with 2 dozers, and 4 engines are assigned to the fire.

A public meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Friday, August 3rd at the Little Boulder Bay Boat Launch on Painted Rocks Reservoir, to introduce Incident Commander Svalberg and to provide an update about the fire and the Forest's suppression plans.

The Rombo Fire is located near Rombo Mountain, approximately 4 miles north-northeast of Painted Rocks Reservoir and 5 miles south-southeast of the West Fork Ranger Station. No private property or structures are threatened at this time.

Closures and Restrictions:

Stage 2 fire restrictions are in effect on Bitterroot National Forest administered land outside the wilderness areas but including the Magruder Corridor. The remainder of National Forest administered

Lands within the Selway-Bitterroot, Frank Church River of No Return and Anaconda Pintler Wilderness Areas are under Stage 1 restrictions.

Road and trail closures are in affect in and surrounding the Rombo Fire. A temporary flight restriction has also been put in place for the Rombo fire.

Other Fire News from the Bitterroot:

Current information regarding these fires and any new starts can be found at the Bitterroot National Forest's Dispatcher's website, <http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm> .

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